

Amendments to and Listing of the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-4 and 6-9, and amend claim 5, so that the claims read as follows:

1-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A closure (1) for a medicine bottle comprising a cap portion (2) connectable to the bottle, the cap portion (2) having at least one opening (3) closed off by an elastic, puncturable sealing layer (4), the opening (3) being covered on an outside by a cover element (5) which is tightly and releasably connected to a rim (8) of the opening (3), wherein the cover element (5) is interlockingly connected to the rim (8), with no material bonding, by an edge region (6) of the cover element (5) encircling the opening (3), and wherein the sealing layer (4) makes flush, sterile contact, free from any material bond, with a reverse side of the cover element (5) facing the opening (3), ~~and wherein the edge region (6) remains integral with the cover element (5) upon removal of the cover element (5) wherein the cover element (5) is constructed as a cover cap which engages with its edge region behind at least one undercut in the cap portion (2), and wherein the undercut is formed on a groove in the cap portion (2) surrounding the opening (3).~~

6-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) The closure (1) according to claim 5, wherein the at least one cover element (5) comprises a duroplastic material and the sealing layer (4) comprises a thermoplastic material.

11. (Original) The closure (1) according to claim 5, wherein the at least one cover element (5) and the sealing layer (4) comprise different thermoplastic materials which do not weld together.

12. (Original) The closure (1) according to claim 5, wherein the sealing layer (4) is welded flush to the cap portion (2) on the inside of the cap portion (2).

13. (Original) The closure according to claim 5, wherein the cover element (5) has at least one gripping tab (9), the gripping tab lying in a plane which extends transversely to a plane spanned by the opening (3).

14. (Original) The closure according to claim 13, wherein the plane of the gripping tab (9) extends at right angles and centrally with respect to the opening (3) of the cap portion (2).